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INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINS LE XF

SUBJECT: FEDAYEEN POLITICAL ACTIVITY

REF: BEIRUT 12586

1. PRO-FEDAYEEN DAILY AL MUHARRIR HEADLINED OCT 31 THAT  
SOVS HAVE SENT "VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE" TO 'ARAFAT AND  
FEDAYEEN LEADERSHIP INVITING PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN FOURTH-  
COMING ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE,  
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WHICH WE BELIEVE WRITTEN BY MUHARRIR EDITOR AND LOCAL

PLO OFFICE DIRECTOR CHAFIQ AL HOUT, QUOTES 'ARAFAT AS SAYING SOV MESSAGE NOW UNDER INTENSE DISCUSSION IN "HIGH-LEVEL PLO MEETING," AND IT IMPLIES THAT MAJORITY OF PLO EX COMM FAVORS PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS. ARTICLE INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT NO FINAL DECISION CAN BE TAKEN UNTIL MATTER IS EXAMINED AT PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMED OBSERVERS, SOV MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO 'ARAFAT OCT 29 BY RUSSIAN EMBASSY HERE. IT CALLED ON FEDAYEEN LEADERSHIP TO DEFINE ITS ATTITUDE RE "TWO ESSENTIAL POINTS" --NAMELY, PLO PARTICIPATION IN EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACEFUL ME SETTLEMENT AND CREATION OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE.

3. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, PLO/EC REPS OF PFLP AND IRAQI-BACKED ALF ARE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS SC RES 338. (WE NOTE PFLP SPOKEMAN, WITHOUT MAKING ANY DIRECT REFERENCE TO CURRENT PLO/EC DISCUSSIONS, DECLARED HERE OCT 30 THAT PFLP WOULD CONTINUE IGNORE CEASE-FIRE AND "DISAVOW ANY PALESTINIANS WHO SIT AT NEGOTIATING TABLE WITH ISRAEL". DISCUSSION CONTINUING WITHIN PLO/EC AND OTHER FEDAYEEN FORUMS IN EFFORT REACH AGREED POSITION WHICH PLO WOULD TAKE ON BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FEDAYEEN LEADERSHIP HAS PUBLICLY INDICATED INTENTION ACCEDE TO GOL REQUESTS THAT CEASE-FIRE BE RESPECTED BY FEDAYEEN IN LEBANON. SPOKEMAN FOR PLO HIGHER COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS IN LEBANON (CLAP) ANNOUNCED HERE OCT 30 THAT FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT POSSESSES "FULL UNDERSTANDING WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND HAS NO INTENTION WHATEVER OF UNDERTAKING ANY ACTIVITY INCONSISTENT WITH LEBANON'S SPECIAL POSTION".  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USINT CAIRO.

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